

HOUSE RESOLUTION 6
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Maynard Pate on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Pate is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as the Executive Director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council and recently took a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Pate was born and raised in the hills of East Tennessee where he grew and developed a keen sense of loyalty and dedication to every endeavor he undertook; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Pate's exceptional abilities as a high school football player earned him an athletic scholarship to East Tennessee State University, where he was recognized not only for his athletic ability but also for his leadership qualities; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from ETSU, Maynard Pate was employed by the Upper East Tennessee Office of the Local Planning Division, Tennessee State Planning Commission, thus beginning his life in public service; and

WHEREAS, his work ethic and abilities at the Upper East Tennessee Office were rewarded by the Tennessee State Planning Commission with a stipend to attend the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Planning from which he was one of the first graduates; and

WHEREAS, with planning degree in hand, Mr. Pate was selected to be the Chief Planner of the Middle Tennessee Office of the Tennessee State Planning Commission where he led, directed and was himself one of the "circuit riding" professional planners that served the cities and counties of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, communities all across Middle Tennessee can point with pride to the public improvements and programs which resulted from the establishment of a firm foundation of the principals and practices of planning and the implementation of his leadership and planning expertise; and

WHEREAS, during his service as Chief Planner of the Middle Tennessee Office, Maynard Pate saw a need for a private planning firm which would serve cities and counties in resolving planning issues and fostering projects that could not be served by the public sector planners and thus was born Cuning, Weaver, Pate and Associates; and

WHEREAS, returning to governmental duties, Maynard Pate answered the call of public service by becoming a Community Development Consultant with the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his work with the University of Tennessee, Maynard Pate was persuaded by Judge Marshall S. Stuart, the distinguished Executive Director of the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments and Mid-Cumberland Developmental District, to come to work for the Council; and

WHEREAS, after a number of years with Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments and Mid-Cumberland Developmental District, Mr. Pate was hired away to the private sector to the firm of John Coleman Hayes and Associates where he and Steve Campbell established a planning section dedicated to serving the needs of local governments; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Judge Stuart once again prevailed upon Mr. Pate to return to the public sector and to resume his employment and service with the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments and the Mid-Cumberland Developmental District and in 1985, upon retirement of Judge Stuart, the elected officials of the cities and counties of Middle Tennessee knew the best and most capable person to succeed Judge Stuart was Maynard Pate; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Pate's leadership and proven abilities as a planner and administrator have resulted in Mid-Cumberland becoming a strong and viable organization that provides vital assistance to the cities and counties it serves, transforming the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments and Mid-Cumberland Development District into the Greater Nashville Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of Maynard Pate have been recognized by state and local officials by his inclusion on numerous commissions and study groups such as the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, governors, congressmen, senators, members of the Tennessee General Assembly, and city and county mayors have turned to Maynard Pate for advice, guidance and wise counsel; and

WHEREAS, after years of planning for growth and development, regional cooperation, extraordinary dedication to public service, and unselfish service to the cities and counties of the State of Tennessee, Maynard Pate has determined it is time to spend more time with his lovely bride, Freda, and their family; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Maynard Pate has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and public officials, past and present, across the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Maynard Pate for his exemplary years of service to the cities and counties of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.